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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 83885-CIP

Inventor: Kevin J. Lithgow

Title of Invention: DRYWALL JOINT COMPOUND APPLICATOR APPLIANCE

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As below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the invention entitled DRYWALL JOINT COMPOUND APPLICATOR APPLICANCE described and claimed in the attached specification filed herewith which is a Continuation-in-Part application based on the regular U.S. utility application filed August 29, 2001 which was assigned serial number 09/941,977, and which claims the benefit of the U.S. provisional application filed September 1, 2000, and assigned serial number 60/229,459; that

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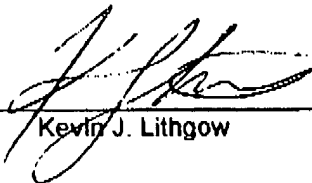
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In re Application of Lithgow, Kevin J.		
Application Number 09/941,977		Filed 08/29/2001
For DRYWALL JOINT COMPOUND APPLICATOR ADAPTOR		
Art Unit 3751		Examiner Walczak, David J.

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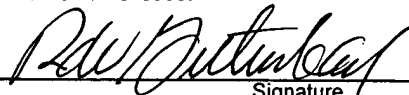
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